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Examiner: A. J. Stewart

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner of the following related applications, the prosecution of which may be relevant to the pending application:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/409,958, now U.S. Patent No. 7,416,553 (Atty. Docket No. 101896-161 (DEP5046US))
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/609,123 (Atty. Docket No. 101896-178 (DEP5100US))
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/664,575 (Atty. Docket No. 101896-208 (DEP5150USCIP1))
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/776,666 (Atty. Docket No. 101896-233 (DEP5046USCIP4))

- **U.S. Patent Application No. 10/777,019 (Atty. Docket No. 101896-234 (DEP5100USCIP))**
- **U.S. Patent Application No. 10/664,238 (Atty. Docket No. DEP5156USCIP2)**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 (b).

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 101896-0239.

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Respectfully submitted,



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